

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

The City of Trinidad Drinking Water Has Levels of Haloacetic Acids Which are Above the Standards

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

The average level of Haloacetic acids (HAAs), byproducts of the chlorination of your drinking water, exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) allowed. MCL for HAAs is 60 parts per billion. Samples for HAAs are taken quarterly. The running annual average for the first quarter ending March 2010 samples from our water is 76 parts per billion. The running annual average for the second quarter ending June 2010 samples from our water is 81 parts per billion. Haloacetic Acids form when chlorine interacts with total organic carbon in the water.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.
- *Total organic carbon (TOC) has no health effects. However, total organic carbon provides a medium for the formation of disinfection byproducts. These byproducts include trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs). Drinking water containing these byproducts in excess of the MCL may lead to adverse health effects, liver or kidney problems, or nervous system effects, and may lead to an increased risk of getting cancer.*
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult with your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

Due to the high level of organic material in our source water our options to correct this problem are limited. We are currently looking into corrective actions or upgrades to our facilities to mitigate the problem of disinfection byproducts in our drinking water.

For more information, please contact Bryan Buckman at 707-677-3862

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- SCHOOLS: Must notify school employees, students, and parents
- RENTAL / Business PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS Must notify tenants & employees.

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